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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3101

December 23, 1999

Honorable Carol Browner, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Administrator Browner:

I have been contacted by the Mayor of Questa, New Mexico, the employees of the Molycorp Molybdenum mine near Questa and the owners of the mine. The Questa Mine has been producing molybdenum since 1921, and employs between 150 and 350 people. I have been advised that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering listing the Questa Mine as a Superfund site. If the mine is listed as a Superfund site, operations at these facilities might have to be curtailed.

I have been informed that the EPA has not yet had an opportunity to review the most current scientific data on the environmental impact of the mining activity. The purpose of this letter is to request that, prior to any listing of the site, the company have an opportunity to present all of their scientific data and that EPA conduct a fair and impartial review of the same, consistent with all pertinent laws and regulations.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Pete V. Domenici
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U.S. Senator

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Thursday + Friday

Thursday - Mine Tour

Friday 9-4 - Technical Meetings

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